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may we QUOTE



you on that?

[1] Unidentified political observer, on significance of Middle East crisis: "Ike now takes off his campaign button and puts on his commander-in-chief hat. How are you going to dim that picture with a Democratic candidate who has been calling for an end to the draft and the testing of H-bombs in these crucial times?" . . . [2] ADLAI E STEVENSON: "I'm fed up with 8 wks of this mealy-mouthed Republican campaign talk, this squeaky chorus—peace, prosperity and progress. I say it's phony and deceitful." . .

[3] Unidentified Democratic spokesman (quoted by RUTH MONTGOMERY, INS correspondent) on Middle East crisis: "I have sent word to Adlai Stevenson that it is not going to do him or our party any good to try to play politics with this dynamite-laden situation." . . . [4] Sen J WM FULBRIGHT (D-Ark): "A great deal of the blame for the present (Middle East) situation lies with the

Administration. It has exercised no real leadership." . . . [5] THOS S GATES, Jr., Under Sec'y of Navy: "Many people

interpret the absence of a major war as peace. Armistice is a better word. And an armistice will be the only peace that we will ever know in our times." . . . [6] MAURICE A HUTCHESON, gen'l pres, United Brotherhood of Carpenters & Joiners of America and RICHARD J GRAY, pres, AFL-CIO Bldg & Construction Trades Dep't endorsing Pres Eisenhower: "Our action is taken to forestall any suggestion of total alignment of all AFL-CIO leaders with the Democratic Party." . . .

[7] Rev ADAM CLAYTON POWELL, Jr., N Y C Negro leader, urging his congregation to vote independently: "Don't walk out . . . determined to do what Adam Powell wants you to do. If you do, you're only exchanging one rubber stamp for another."

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There is a story of a parson conducting funeral services for a Prominent Citizen in a Southern community. "Our dear brother," he said, "was not a dedicated Christian, but he was what you might call a respected sinner."

That anecdote in some degree reflects Western attitude toward the satellite countries currently breaking away from complete Moscow domination. It is important that we do not jump to hasty, ill-founded conclusions. What we are viewing is not a genuine rebellion of satellite people (altho there are some indications and infiltrations of the democratic spirit). The gov't will remain essentially communistic, paying some considerable obeisance to Moscow.

The significance for the West is that we witness a weakening of Russian domination. Satellites emerge with some sovereign independence, altho the individual may still be dictator-dominated. This is a move in the right direction. And

it will continue. For Russia is singularly powerless to scotch the spreading virus. Uprisings will follow in East Germany and in Czechoslovakia. The Russian Empire is on the rocks. Russian influence as a world power will slowly—and let us emphasize that word *slowly*—diminish. Khrushchev will, of course, go. But his successor cannot turn the tide.

True, the satellites will remain communistic. In our capitalistic view, they are economic sinners. But there is now the chance that they may become *respected* sinners. In their independent status, they will want to trade with us, and we with them. And world commerce is a great leavening force. In our world there has been much hazy thinking about communism. Communism is not, and has never been our enemy. Unhappily, it has served as an appealing (and quite effective) veil for the Russian military machine. We do not like communism. It is an impractical, unworkable philosophy. But it is not innately an evil ideology. And it is, in the long-run, self-defeating.



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"He who never quotes, is never quoted"

ACTION—1

Many fine things can be done in a day if you don't always make that day tomorrow.—*Tit-Bits*, London.

AGE—2

When you're pushing 60, that's really exercise enough. — *Journeyman Barber*.

ATOMIC AGE—3

The smallest thermonuclear (H-Bomb) reactor that can be built by present techniques would produce heat to generate five times as much electricity as was produced in the U S in '54.—*Science Digest*.

AUTOMATION—4

Automation is not something that will someday spring full grown from the mind of Zeus. It is with us now and is evolving at an accelerating pace. When it reaches full stature it will have achieved a social revolution comparable only to that of the Industrial Revolution of the 19th Century. . . The 20 hr wk in automated industries is not an idle dream, and the 30 hr wk or less for everyone is a probability within the next generation or two.—RALPH R SHAW, pres, American Library Ass'n, *ALA Bulletin*.

BEHAVIOR—5

Some persons never say anything bad about the dead—or anything good about the living.—DAN KIDNEY, *Scraps-Howard Newspapers*.

BIBLE—6

A person who is ignorant of the Bible is not an educated person, no matter how many other things he may know. Wm Lyon Phelps, distinguished prof of Literature at Yale Univ, once said that if he had to choose between a thorough knowledge of the English Bible and a college education, he would take the Bible every time.—Rev WALTER L LINGLE (who died Sept 19), "Jesus and His Teachers," *Christian Observer*, 10-3-'56.

CHRISTIANITY—7

Historians tell us that a Roman emperor once built a triumphal arch to commemorate the fact—as he believed—that the last Christian had been put to death and that the Christian Church had become extinct. So far from the truth was he that the Christian Church had not only had not passed out of existence but today has a greater mbrship than ever before in its long history and is at work in almost every part of the world. Meantime the emperor's triumphal arch has perished so utterly that even the spot on which it stood is not certainly known.—WM MCELROY, *Christian Observer*.

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By Les & Liz
Carpenter

Some folk hereabouts believe that T Coleman Andrews' 3rd-party ticket would have fared better if the election had been held at a later date. Andrews, former commissioner of internal revenue, promised to repeal the income tax if he were elected. His supporters think he might have won the presidency had the election been, say, April 15 instead of Nov 6.

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Official Washington is undergoing a rash of unofficial signs which printers with a sense of humor keep turning out. One of the latest, observed on the door of a conference room in the Interior Dep't: "Conference starts at 9 Sharp. Ends at 11 Dull."

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A group of Congressional secretaries have trained the cook at the Capitol snack bar. He knows just what they want when they order "sissyburgers"—hamburgers without onions and with mayonnaise instead of mustard. . . Canadian researchers recently told a meeting of bacteriologists here that "whaleburgers" may be a choice item on the family dinner menu one of these days. Treated with antibiotics, whale meat can be kept edible for a prolonged period.

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CRITICISM—8

It's a pity that some folk never learn that uncovering the other fellow's faults will never cover up their own.—*Watchman-Examiner*.

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The difference between coaching and criticizing is your attitude. — FRED SMITH, *Consultant*.

DISCIPLINE—9

It's getting so parents think corporal punishment is something that has to be left to an army court martial.—*Cincinnati Enquirer*.

EDUCATION—10

Education is the training of the individual to understand the factors which constitute the world he lives in, beginning with those who are closest to his personal experience and extending to those who are most remote.— VINCENZO CIOFFARI, "The Role of the Modern Foreign Languages in our Schools," *Modern Language Jnl*, 10-'56.

FAMILY LIFE—11

Starting research for a book in which he planned to show the misery resulting from large families, a sociologist interviewed the mother of 13 children. After taking down information about children's ages, family income, and such he asked, "Do you think all children deserve the full, impartial love and att'n of a mother?"

"Of course," she said.

"Well, which of your children do you love the most?" he asked, hoping to catch her in a contradiction.

"The one who is sick until he gets well," she ans'd, "and the one who is away until he gets home."—*Redemptorist Record*.

book drive

Dr Peter J Steincrohn, author of *Live Longer and Enjoy It* (Prentice-Hall) remarked in a press conf the other day that the 200,000 practicing physicians in the U S probably view at least a million miracles a yr—astounding recoveries that, just a short time ago, would have been fantastically impossible.

Dr Steincrohn also added a postscript on the natural hardness of the human species. "Our bodies," he pointed out, "can take an astonishing am't of punishment and still function." An average man, he pointed out, can get along without his gall bladder, spleen, tonsils and appendix. He can dispense with one of his two kidneys, one of his two lungs, two out of his 4 or 5 qts of blood, two-fifths of his liver, most of his stomach, 4 of his 23 ft of small intestine and (this is perhaps an understatement) half of his brain.

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McCall's Magazine (Nov) presents a section of permanent reference value to parents, teachers and librarians. It is titled, "For Boys and Girls—100 Books to Grow On." The compilation was made by Virginia Haviland, Boston Public Library; Ruth Gallardo, Nat'l Congress of Parents & Teachers; Elizabeth Nesbitt, Library School, Carnegie Inst of Technology.

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Last wk some 500 public libraries thruout the nation each rec'd a



You can't tell a book by its movie.—FRANKLIN P JONES.

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specially bound copy of a bulky volume—the *Sears, Roebuck Catalog for Fall and Winter 1956*. Sears makes this library distribution each yr as a good-will gesture. Libraries value the catalogs as interesting and enlightening examples of Americana. They are carefully filed for future research value. Last spring the mail-order house had all catalogs from turn-of-the-century microfilmed and presented the record to Library of Congress as a significant reference document.

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Herbert Wendt opens his story of man's quest for his ancestors, *In Search of Adam* (Houghton-Mifflin) with this arresting observation: "Many statues have been erected to the men who devoted their lives to scientific discovery, but there is no monument to the spirit of research itself. It would have to be represented by some amateur researcher, sunk in a dream of speculation, with a halo of error round his head, and his feet resting on a pedestal of unflagging industry."

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FEAR—12

Our greatest enemies are not wild beasts or deadly germs but fears that paralyze thought, poison the mind, and destroy character. Our only protection against fear is faith.

— RYLLIS GOSLIN LYNIF, *Great Ideas of the Bible* (Harper).

FOREIGN AID—13

6¢ out of every tax dollar now go for for'gn aid—about \$105 a yr for the average family. All told since World War II, Congress has obligated taxpayers for \$60 billion in for'gn aid, or enough money to pave a 2-lane highway from N Y to San Francisco with \$10 bills.—*In a Nut-shell*.

GIFTS—Giving—14

A cheerful giver is cheerful often because he's got away with giving as little as possible. — *Tit-Bits*, London.

GOVERNMENT—15

To be able to see a problem clearly in its simple, fundamental terms, and to communicate these clearly and in a readily acceptable form to others, is the essence of the art of gov't.—ARTHUR BRYANT, *Illustrated London News*.

HISTORY—16

History is to the nation what memory is to the individual.—DUNLEY TAYLOR CORNISH, "The Most American War," *Educational Leader*, 10-1-'56.

HUMAN RELATIONS—17

No man is the whole of himself; his friends are the rest of him. — HARRY EMERSON FOSDICK, eminent clergyman & author.

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HUMILITY—18

All who enter the straight and narrow path in good interest soon find themselves in a climb extremely uncongenial to pride.—*Our Hope*.

INFLATION—19

The awesome impact of inflation is well illustrated in the 43-story Field Bldg in downtown Chicago. It was completed during the Great Depression at a cost of \$14½ million. Recently it was air condi-

Quote scrap book

At this Thanksgiving season, this observation written by WILL ROGERS more than a quarter of a century ago, still has a timely touch:

If the Pilgrims could gather in a few pumpkins, potatoes and some corn for the winter, they were in a thankful mood. Now, if we can't gather in a new radio, a tuxedo, and some Gov't aid, we feel the world is against us.

tioned for \$7 million, roughly ⅓ of what the entire bldg cost in the 1st place. — *Investor's Reader*, Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Beane.

LIFE—Living—20

Living a life is like building a house. You have certain space in which to build it, only in life it is not a question of feet and inches, but of yrs. As you look it over you perhaps realize how many things you neglected in your building.

There are nooks and corners, and some dark corridors which are worse than useless. There are outside trimmings which are merely for show. The important thing is to make the inside livable.—*Highways of Happiness.*

LOYALTY—21

You can't buy loyalty. You can only get it in a swap—even Steven for loyalty of your own. — *Mgt Briefs.*

MARRIED LIFE—22

Yawning is a device of nature to enable husbands to open their mouths.—*Jnl of Lifetime Living.*

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Matrimony must be here to stay; it has survived the husband-and-wife programs on the air. — *HERB GRAFFIS, Jnl of Lifetime Living.*

MODERN AGE—23

A few nights ago we had a storm and couldn't use our TV. Our 5-year-old little girl jumped up and down, saying "Goodie, Goodie! Now you and Daddy can play with us like you used to."—*Farm Jnl.*

MONEY—24

Money is what you swap for what you think will make you happy. — *FRED SMITH, Consultant.*

MORALITY—25

Knowledge is not enough . . . Unless we can anchor our knowledge to moral foundations, the ultimate result will be dust and ashes. . . The towering enemy of man is not his science but his moral inadequacy. — *Dr RAYMOND B FOSDICK, quoted by HARRY J CARMAN, Dean Emeritus, Columbia College, Columbia Univ, "Changing Goals and Responsibilities Among the Health Professions," Teachers College Record 10-'56.*

POLITICS—26

Sure, football fans can understand politics. Just think of it as a game in which the team that scores most on the other team's fumbles gets to go to the Gravy Bowl.—*Changing Times.*

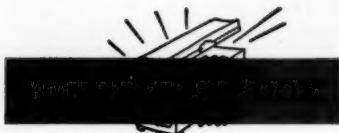
PSYCHIATRY—Religion—27

We psychiatrists talk about "conflict" and "guilt feelings" — the bases of most emotional disorders. Ministers talk about "sin." But psychologically, perhaps we mean pretty much the same thing. What is sin but failure to do what is known to be right? What are guilt feelings but the realization that wrong has been done? And what is conflict but anxiety about a decision already made that may not have been the moral one? — *Dr JACOB H CONN, "Psychiatry Needs Religion," New Christian Advocate, 10-'56.*

PURPOSE—28

It is easy for us to become sidetracked from our main purpose in life, like the man I recently saw in the Modern Museum of Art. All about him were great works of art by Rousseau, Gauguin, and Matisse. But he was standing peering thru a small crack in a screen behind which some workmen were preparing the gallery for a new exhibit. He had come to the gallery to see great art hung under the best conditions of lighting and place. But he was sidetracked by the noises which the workmen made as they worked.—*KERMIT J NORD, Pulpit Digest.*

Quote



Our Debt To Tomorrow

We think of WENDELL PHILLIPS, born 145 yrs ago (Nov 29, 1811) as the fiery Abolitionist. And the abolishment of human slavery was, of course, the great crusade of life. But he was by nature the foe of every injustice, the champion of every unpopular cause that captured his imagination. He was amongst the 1st to speak forthrightly for woman suffrage, the 8-hr day, and universal education. This excerpt is from his lecture, The Education of the People, delivered in 1859:

The generations that preceded us built ships, roads, cities, invented arts, raised up manufactures, and left them to us. We inherit libraries and railways; we inherit factories and houses; we inherit the wealth and the industry and the culture of the past. We do not do enough if we merely transmit that, or what is exactly like it, to the future. No; he does not imitate his father who is just like his father, paradoxical as it may seem.

Every age that has preceded us has set its ingenuity to work to find some better method of serving posterity. . . Now it is for us so to be wise in our time, that posterity shall remember us also for some peculiar improvement upon the institutions of our fathers.

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RACE RELATIONS—29

The problem of the Twentieth Century is the problem of the color line.— W E B DUBOIS, quoted by SAUNDERS REDDING, Hampton Institute, "The Meaning of Bandung," *American Scholar*, Autumn '56.

RESEARCH—30

In '56, it has been estimated that almost \$7 billion will be spent for research. About 25 yrs ago, the am't was \$350 million. This increase in a generation is about 2000%.—Dr PAUL D V MANNING, V-Pres, Research Division, Internat'l Minerals & Chemical Corp'n, in *Min and Chem*.

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In '55, Gov't-financed research in cancer, heart ailments, arthritis, and other human ills cost \$236 million. This compares with \$152 million in '54.—*Survey Bulletin*.

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Ward Calland, of the Nat'l Soybean Crop Improvement Council, estimates that every dollar spent in soybean research has resulted in a \$2,600 ret'n.—*Soybean Digest*.

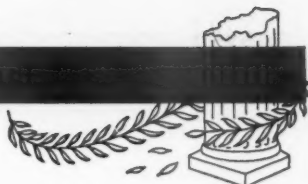
RELIGION—31

Sam'l Rogers, the 19th century English banker and wit, was once asked: "Mr Rogers, what is your religion?" "It's the religion of every sensible man," repl'd Mr Rogers. "And what," cont'd his questioner, "is that?" "That," said Sam'l Rogers, "is what every sensible man keeps to himself." — EDMUND A OPRIZ, Foundation for Economic Education, quoted in *Vital Speeches*.

RESOURCES—32

What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared with what lies within us.— WM MORROW, *Union Signal*.

RECAPS TO THE PAST



Holiday Butter Cookie Time (Dec)

Holiday Eggnog Time (Dec)

Nov 25—*Feast of St Catherine*. . . 105th anniv (1851) of 1st Young Men's Christian Ass'n on this continent, estab Montreal, Canada. (The "Y" originated in London in 1844. A chapter in Boston was launched some 3 wks after the Montreal opening. The 1st well-equipped YMCA gymnasium was opened in N Y C in 1869).

Nov 26—Boston citizens got their 1st look at a lion 240 yrs ago (1716). It was exhibited by a Capt Savage and billed as "a Lyon of Barbary." Also advertised were "many other rarities, the like never before in America."

Nov 27—The nation's 1st fire of serious consequence occurred at Boston 280 yrs ago (1676), destroying 46 dwelling houses and other structures. . . 210th anniv (1746) b of Rob't K Livingston, N Y lawyer; the man who backed Fulton's experiments in steam navigation. (Fulton's boat, *Clermont*, was named for Livingston's estate). . . Army War College authorized 55 yrs ago (1901) at Washington, D C.

Nov 28—*Feast of Stephen The Younger*.

Nov 29 — *Channukah* (Hebrew Feast of Lights). . . 440th anniv (1516) d of Giovanni Bellini. Altho a renowned Venetian painter, he is best known as the teacher of Titian. . . . 145 anniv (1811) b of Wendell Phillips, American reformer (see GEM BOX). . . Our 1st savings bank (Bank for Savings, N Y C) estab 140 yrs ago (1816). . . 140th anniv (1816) b of Morrison Remick Waite, early Chief Justice of U S; rendered valuable service in ruling on many questions arising under amendments to the Constitution following Civil War.

Nov 30—Feast of St Andrew.

Dec 1—1st manual training school opened, Talbot County, Md, 205 yrs ago (1751). . . 180 yrs ago (1776) the war for Independence was going so badly, the Phila Council of Safety, as a desperate gesture, offered a bounty of \$10, plus a full month's advance pay, to lure recruits. Continental Army was suffering sorely from desertions. Gen Washington and his officers were pledging their personal fortunes to maintain troops. . . 1st CPA degree (Certified Public Accountant) conferred, N Y C, 60 yrs ago (1896). . . U S Civil Air Patrol org 15 yrs ago (1941).

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Prof Geo Stigler, of Columbia Univ, has been looking into a vanishing segment of the American labor force—the domestic servant.

It would hardly come as a surprise to most of us that there are fewer domestics available anywhere, at any price. But even so, the actual statistics are a little startling. Fifty yrs ago, 94 persons in each 1,000 of population were employed as domestic servants. Today the figure has shrunk to 34 per 1,000.

In the other service fields—from barbering to bookkeeping—we observe a pattern of steady expansion. But the number of domestics has been trending downward since 1870. Two dominant factors in this process of reduction are dwindling immigration and the increasing opportunities for women in industry. Housewives employing servants are by no means guiltless. They have not made the field an inviting one for young women. As a consequence, only those who can find no other employment turn to domestic service. In another generation, Prof Stigler believes, the untrained servant will virtually disappear. We shall have only a small group, skilled in domestic science, and enjoying something approaching professional status. The "hired girl" may soon be as obsolete as the wood-burning cook-stove.

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SEXES—33

A man worries about what the future has in store, a woman worries about what the stores have in the future.—*Fifth Wheel*, hm, Indiana Motor Truck Ass'n.

SUCCESS—34

You don't have to climb the highest mountain to succeed. Still around are several molehills which haven't yet been scaled.—*Tit-Bits*, London.

TAXES—35

A fellow we know ran across an item in the London *Times* that should make taxpayers in this country feel better about now. In 17th-century England and America, he learned, the gov't taxed fresh air and sunlight! A levy was made against all householders with 8 or more windows. — *Digest of World Reading*, Melbourne, Australia.

THANKSGIVING—36

The special time set aside for Thanksgiving is an important time. But the situation has changed considerably since the days of the Pilgrims. Very few of us today actually plant, care for and harvest the food eventually placed on our tables. We are no longer tillers of the soil, for the most part, so when we give thanks for the food we eat, we ought also give thanks for those who make it possible for us to have it. — Rob't A KNOWLES, "With Thankful Hearts," *Internat'l Jnl of Religious Education*, 10-'56.

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I don't think the Lord wants any pompous proclamation of thanks on one Thursday in November as much as He wants a little humble service from us every day in the yr.—BURTON HILLIS, *Better Homes & Gardens*.

VISION—37

When the Navaho Indians were told by traders they had to weave a border around their blankets to conform to white man's standards, they gave in reluctantly. For to constrict the design within a border was like confining in a frame the wide open view of plain and desert and sky—an idea not only alien, but contrary to everything they knew and held to be true in their age-old traditions. Now the women wove borders, but, it is said, in every blanket of that period may be found a different-colored thread leading out from the center and thru the border—to give the soul of the weaver, the life of the blanket, still a possibility to escape.—WILLY P FELTHUIS, "One Thread for the Soul," *Sunrise*, 9-'56.

WORLD RELATIONS—38

Sad fact of life—The smaller the world becomes, the bigger the brains needed to manage it.—DAN KIDNEY, *Scripps-Howard Newspapers*.

WORRY—39

J Arthur Rank, the English motion-picture producer, is said to have his own special way of handling this (worry). He decided to do all his worrying on one single day, Wednesday, and he has what he calls his Wednesday Worry Club. When a worry occurs to him on any other day, he writes it down and puts it in a box. And, of course, when he opens the box on Wednesday, he finds that most of the things he was disturbed about have already been settled. The rest, he says, he puts back in the box to take up the following Wednesday! In this way, he is curing himself of the worry habit.—NORMAN VINCENT PEALE & SMILEY BLANTON, *The Art of Real Happiness* (Prentice-Hall).



For the 1st time in recorded history, the French "Immortals" have been moved to take cognizance of mundane matters. Last month, by unanimous resolution, the Academie Francaise decried the tax increase proposed by the French Gov't, asserting that the burden falls most heavily on intellectuals.

According to legend, it was St Patrick — an Englishman — who drove the snakes from Ireland. And now an Englishman, one Wm Farquhar-Moody, purposes to bring them back. He has a plan to sell Indian pythons to Dublin householders who fear burglars. The snakes are harmless, the promoter declares, and make nice pets. "A woman may even carry a small one in her pocketbook," Mr Farquhar-Moody suggests. "It is very effective in discouraging pickpockets."

These tv and radio quiz programs are disrupting the public library system something awful. And frequent newspaper and magazine puzzle contests don't help, either. Not only is the staff pestered with a lot of repetitious queries, but even worse, according to Francis St John, Chief Librarian of Brooklyn Public Library, last yr that institution lost 89 reference books; another 53 were mutilated beyond repair.

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A business mgr, in search of talent within his own organization, passed out a list of questions to his younger workers. One question asked, "What is your chief reason for believing that you possess exec ability?"

Many of the answers were duplications, but one stood out unequalled. It read, "I think I would make a very successful exec because I seldom get lonesome, and would not mind working in a private office."—*Wall St Jnl.* a

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A Progressive-School teacher we know, excited by all the hoopla about *My Fair Lady*, told her 8th-graders the story of *Pygmalion* and then asked them to write an essay on the subject. "This story," one of the essays began, "is about a professor who teaches a poor girl remedial reading."—*New Yorker.* b

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A new recruit had been struggling for hrs trying to master the intricacies of a Bren gun.

The instructor waited for some time, then said, "You know, Smith, there's one thing you and Field-Marshall Montgomery have in common."

"We have," asked the private. "What's that?"

"You've both got as high as you'll ever get in the army." — *Tit-Bits, London.* e

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I LAUGHED AT THIS ONE

BILL ARTER

A group of Russian army officers visited U S factories during War II. One of them struck up an acquaintance with a columbus, Ohio, businessman. The businessman, touring Russia last summer, again encountered the officer, who readily admitted being impressed with America. "But," he said, "we had to laugh at the effort your authorities made to fool us about the automobiles."

Puzzled, the Columbus man pressed for further particulars. "Well," said the Russian, "we were amazed when we 1st landed and saw thousands of cars all around us. Then, everywhere we went we saw thousands. But we finally figured out what was happening: Your authorities were moving those cars just ahead of us—so that, wherever we went, there would always be streets full of them!"

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The judge was listening to the testimony and interjected a remark. "Do you claim that this man hit you with malice aforethought?"

"Judge, you're confusing me. I said he hit me with a Ford and I stick to it."—*Atlas News, hm, Atlas Auto Finance Co.* d

able QUITPS

At the dinner table one evening Phyllis reported proudly that her teacher had called her a beaver.

"For being such a hard worker, I suppose?" her mother observed, with equal pride.

"Well, no," said Phyllis. "For chewing my pencil."—*Pageant.* e

Two little boys, in from the country for a visit to their grandmother, wandered down the street to inspect the brand-new school that was just being finished. They found two electricians working in one of the rooms.

"Whatcha doin'?" inquired one of the little visitors.

"We're just putting in the new electric switches, sonny," repl'd one of the workmen.

"Gosh," said the other boy, after a pause, "I'm sure glad we still got our old country school."—*Precious Blood Messenger.* f

The kids in our neighborhood recently held an election. We grown-ups were greatly astonished that a 4-yr-old had been elected pres. "That boy must be a born leader," one dad observed jokingly. "How does it happen all you bigger lads voted for him?"

"Well, you see, dad," Johnny repl'd, "he can't very well be sec'y, because he doesn't know how to write. He wouldn't do for treasurer; he isn't able to count. He would never do for sgt-at-arms, because he's too little to throw anybody out. If we didn't choose him for anything, he'd feel bad. So we made him pres."—*Catholic Digest.* g

The results of a Congressional election merely prove that different sections of the country are mad about different things.—*DAN BENNETT.*

Why are television's half-baked commercials overdone, while those that are well done are rare?—*HAROLD COFFIN.*

The honeymoon is over when a husband doesn't notice his wife has something new until he gets the bill for it.—*MAURICE SEITTER.*

If it's a man's world, then the meek must have already inherited the earth.—*CY N PEACE.*

The best substitute for experience is to check with your wife beforehand.—*O A BATTISTA.*

A highbrow is a man who has found something more interesting than women.—*Louisville Courier-Jnl Mag.*

A woman will look into a mirror any time except when she's about to pull out of a parking place. — *Journeyman Barber.*

These days the answer to the riddle about the hen crossing the rd is because she's a suicidal fool.— *Cincinnati Enquirer.*

Quote

A nursery-school teacher related this story. For several days the 4-yr-olds had been playing house. Two little girls cooked the meals inside the house, washed the dishes, swept the floor, made the bed, bathed and nursed the baby, frequently screaming to one lonesome boy sitting outside the door on a bldg block. Whenever he moved, they yelled at him. Frequently they handed him grocery orders, demanded that he do this or that, never permitting him choice or a voice in anything. On the third day, with tears in his eyes, the young fellow appealed to the teacher, "I'm tired just being a daddy and being bossed by those girls. Please make them let me be the baby once in a while."—FRANCES MAYFARTH, *Childhood Education*. h

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Sirens wailed along Constitution Avenue one recent morning, and all traffic pulled dutifully to the curb. The President's limousine, flanked by a motorcycle escort, zipped by on its way to the Nat'l Airport, where the President was scheduled to catch a campaign plane.

Just as the traffic started moving again, more sirens sounded. Another motorcycle escort came into view. The motorists again stopped, then stared.

Behind the motorcycles was, not a limousine, but a big, red delivery truck from a local catering service. Beaming in his moment of glory, the driver was hurrying to the airport to deliver food for the campaign plane. Someone had almost forgotten to order it.—QUOTE Washington Bureau. i

Quote

Arthur was playing cards with his friends and was losing badly. Suddenly he had a heart attack and died. After much discussion Laprunne was selected to tell his wife about it. So Laprunne went to their house and started telling the widow about Arthur's losses.

"Oh, the devil take that man!" she exclaimed.

Laprunne removed his hat and lowered his eyes, "He already did, madame."—*Pourquoi Pas?* Belgium (QUOTE translation). j

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Statistician Pinzlich wanted to get married but didn't want to have his wedding on the Tuesday his fiancée had selected. Asked about it point blank by his future father-in-law, Pinzlich explained: "If we get married on a Tuesday we'd celebrate our silver wedding anniversary on a Friday—and Friday is my bowling night!" — *Frankfurter Illustrierte*, Germany (QUOTE translation). k

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There was once a preacher who had the very laudable habit of ending every conversation with an invitation to come to church and attend services. It happened that one evening he ate a meal in a restaurant where he was served by a somewhat dizzy blonde.

He gave her a pleasant smile as he rose to leave.

"That was a very good meal," he said. "Good evening, and I hope that I'll see you in Sunday school."

The waitress put her hands on her hips, stopped snapping her gum long enough to reply, "Say, brother, I don't know what your pitch is, but your approach sure is different." — COLA G PARKER, *American Mercury*. l

Richard Armour



Ouch!

Medical research reveals that ulcers are becoming more frequent in women.—News item.

I've thought of ulcers heretofore
As masculine of gender,
Thought it was from excessive worry
And overwork and over-hurry
They grew so large and tender.

A woman seemed too frail, refined,
Too much a homey creature
To know the fret and stir of life,
The worries sharp as any knife,
That cause this painful feature.

Well, if they do have ulcers now,
One woman, say, in ten,
They have a taste of what, for
years,
With tantrums, teasing, and with
tears,
They've helped to cause in men.

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A Jesuit priest appeared on a Washington telecast recently to urge that people read more good books. His fan mail was impressive, particularly one letter that read: "You're the best-looking thing I've seen on my screen this yr. When that religious show is over, I sure hope they give you a half-hr of your own!"—BENNETT CERF, *Saturday Review*. m

Monika and Lore were discussing face lifting in an impersonal way, but suddenly Monika warned her friend: "But don't you ever have that operation, my dear Lore. My aunt had her wrinkles removed a while back," she shook her head gloomily.

"What happened? How did it come out?"

"Awful. Every time she shuts her eyes now, she automatically shrugs her shoulders." — *Revue*, Munich (QUOTE translation). n

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A Scotsman staying on the twelfth floor of an American skyscraper looked out of the window and saw what he thought was a threepenny bit. He ran down to the next floor and it looked like a sixpence. On the next floor it seemed to be a shilling, and on the next floor a half-crown.

He took the lift to the ground floor, ran out, and found—a dustbin lid.—*Tit-Bits*, London. o

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A young Texan, seeking employment at an aircraft plant in Calif., filled out the questionnaire and was then directed to Personnel for an interview with a Mr Kane. The Texan spread out in a chair and started talking up the glories of the Lone Star State while Mr Kane read thru his application.

When the papers were laid aside, the zealous Texan leaned back and crossed his arms. "Well, when do I start?" he asked.

Mr Kane looked up and said softly, "Just as soon as you can produce your birth certificate and passport." — CHARLES RUFFING, *American Mercury*. p

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DR RICHARD MADDEN, California educator: "Boys and girls like math. If they had a choice, they'd keep it and throw out sports. The problem is getting teachers to like it."

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PAUL CARTIER, commenting on news that France has been importing snails from Czechoslovakia: "This is as serious as if America had imported apple pie from Moscow." (Realities, Paris) 2-Q-t

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MARCEL ACHARD, French playwright: "Women like silent men. They think they're listening."

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SECOND CLASS MATTER

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These odds and ends might be useful as gift ideas for people who "have everything," but frankly we're talking about them chiefly because they're so cockeyed they fascinate us. For one thing, we think we've finally discovered an invention or so which da Vinci never made a model of. Revolving shoe heels, for example. They're 2-piece rubber heels which revolve as you walk, thus evening the wear. A little disconcerting, we should think, but perhaps you could learn to love them. Boy's and men's sizes, \$1 to \$1.50, from Heelcraft Co, 1817 W Willard St, Long Beach, Calif. . .

If you suffer from cold feet (non-psychosomatic variety) you can now encase them in electric socks. Nylon-reinforced wool socks are wired like an electric blanket, plug into a 6-volt lantern battery in pocket case. We don't know what happens in case of a short circuit. \$15.95 from Taylor Sales, Wayne, Pa. . . We don't know if this one's really available, but somebody patented an electric undershirt with a long cord which plugs into any handy outlet. Think what a conversation stopper that could be at a party!

